



## John DiMaria, Jr.

October 22, 1947 - January 31, 2015

John DiMaria passed away peacefully on January 31 2015 at the age 67, in his home at Lakeview Circle, Pawley's Island South Carolina. John lived in Rockaway Township, New Jersey before moving to Pawleys Island, SC over a year ago.

He was born in Lodi, New Jersey, on October 22, 1947 and was the son of the late John and Josephine DiMaria. John earned a Bachelor's Degree in History from Fairleigh Dickenson University. He was the co-owner of Suburban Title & Abstract Inc. for over 50 years. John was deeply committed to serving the people of Rockaway Township. John served as councilman for over 20 years and was on the planning board for 30 years. He was also a Member Republican County Committee and he was the Chairman of "Rockaway Township Days". He was also active in coaching girls and boy's recreation and travel basketball, softball, baseball, and soccer in Rockaway Township and was an avid New York Giants fan and golfer.

Mr. DiMaria is survived by his wife of 45 years Virginia; his children, Ryan and wife, Lauren DiMaria, of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, Jessica and husband, Dwayne Barnes of Sturbridge, Massachusetts; grandchildren, Jake and Riley DiMaria, Ellie and Carter Barnes; brother, Charles and wife Karen DiMaria and nieces, Mackenzie Scott and Kelsey DiMaria.

Visitation will begin at 11:00 AM followed by the funeral service which will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, February 6, 2015 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Burial will be private.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, SC Chapter, 107 Westpark Blvd., Suite 150, Columbia, SC 29210.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center  
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John DiMaria, Jr.



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - February 05, 2015 at 02:57 PM

MD

*Our sympathy is with you in this your time of grieving. Love, Mike, Donna, Chase, Brynn and Shaylin Daunais*

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**Mike Daunais** - February 10, 2015 at 06:49 PM

JB

“ Virginia, Ryan, Jessi and family: We are so very very sorry for your loss and we have been thinking of you every day. John was a good man and a truly wonderful friend. He was a "brother" to my husband and I and an "uncle" to our son. We have spent more time hanging out and playing cards (and lots of laughs) with John and Virginia than any other family member or friend, for the past 46+ years. We have so many amazing memories--too many to count. I know that all of our lives will never be the same. We pray that John is at peace now and resting in the light of the Lord. God Bless you "bro". Love, John, Doris and Kevin Bellini.

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**John, Doris & Kevin Bellini** - February 11, 2015 at 07:07 PM

KR

“ I just watched the video and it was so well done... I barely held it together to get through it. But seeing that mustache made me laugh out loud! There are great memories there and I hope some of them are making you smile now. We love you all so much and think about you often.

*Love and Aloha,*

*Kim, James, Kuponono and Mehana*

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**Kim Richmond** - February 07, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of John DiMaria, Jr..



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February 06, 2015 at 06:40 AM

VK

“ Dear Virginia & Family,

*Words cannot express how saddened I was to hear of John's passing. He was loved and respected by everyone who met him. John was a strong and passionate person who always made everyone smile, and his memory will live on in our hearts forever. He was an inspiration to his Rockaway Township family. I hope you and your family can find peace in the wonderful life he lived. May you and your family take comfort in knowing that an angel is watching over you. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.*



*Valerie Kershaw  
Rockaway, N.J.*

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**Valerie Kershaw** - February 05, 2015 at 11:49 AM

FR

“ *Sending sympathies, and thoughts and prayers to his loved ones to ease their pain.*

*Francine Grande  
Larry Witter*

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**francine** - February 04, 2015 at 07:27 PM

LJ

“ *We were all saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a constant presence at any sporting event or town council meeting. On warm evenings when the wind was in the right direction, I could hear him from my home announcing the Township football games at Peterson field. He always went out of his way to make conversation, and chat about his family as well as ours. We will remember him with fondness. Our sympathy to Virginia, Ryan and Jess.*

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**Lois Jackson** - February 04, 2015 at 04:02 PM

MO

“ John was a great boss for 25 years. He never acted "bossy". He was more of a father figure and teacher than anything. We sometimes seemed to have spent more tme having fun and laughing than working. Some of my best memories are from times at Suburban Title and not everyone can say that about their job.

*Virginia, Ryan, Jess and family,  
my deepest condolences*

*Mary Tabor Oxford*

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**Mary Oxford** - February 04, 2015 at 02:07 PM

AR

“ Annette R. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John DiMaria, Jr..



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**Annette R.** - February 04, 2015 at 01:49 PM

EC

“ Dear Virginia and Family:

*Our prayers are with you and your family.  
I will always the kindness of John's family and shooting baskets on  
Kipp Ave. May he rest in peace.*

*Emil & MaryLou Carafa*

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**Emil Carafa** - February 03, 2015 at 10:02 PM

CH

“ Dear Virginia, Ryan and Jess,

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences. We will always remember John's smile, his infectious laugh and the twinkle in his eyes. He made a memorable lasting connection with everyone he met. The world needs more people like John.*

*Colleen and Mike Hruska*

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**Colleen Hruska** - February 03, 2015 at 05:29 PM

TC

“ Ryan and family,

*My deepest condolences to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Therese Ciraulo, Merrill Lynch*

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**Therese Ciraulo** - February 03, 2015 at 03:19 PM

JB

“ Virginia, Ryan, Jess and family.

*I am truly sorry for your loss. As many do I really consider John a friend. He was always great to me and was great to be around. I will always hold dear Giant games, Holiday parties, Superbowls and AC. When I was around him I felt like family. Prayers and best wishes to you all. "One of the good ones!"*

*John Buechel*

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**John Buechel** - February 03, 2015 at 12:32 PM

TJ

“ To Jess, Dwayne, Ellie and Carter -- my heart goes out to you all during this time of loss. Although I only met your dad once (at your wedding), it was obvious that you are a daddy's girl. His presence in your life will live on forever. Trevor and Sharon Johnson.

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**Trevor Johnson** - February 03, 2015 at 10:44 AM

RB

“ So sad for all of you. Wonderful memories of a special man who gave so much of himself to his family, his friends and to Rockaway Township. Traveling with you both in basketball was so fun and the girls learned the true basics and spirit of the game. Our love and prayers are with all of you.

*Ronnie and Greg Burghardt*

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**Ronnie Burghardt** - February 03, 2015 at 09:03 AM

JV

“ Dear Virginia and Family  
Deepest condolences to you and your family.  
I will never forget his great sense of humor growing up. John will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love

*Carol and Jerry*

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**Jerry Volpe** - February 03, 2015 at 08:53 AM

LW

“ John: You will be missed. Your sense of humor and personality set you apart from other people. I am glad to have known him and worked along side him. Rockaway Township has lost a very good person. Rest in peace John.

*Les Wexler and family*

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**Les Wexler** - February 03, 2015 at 06:40 AM

MC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. John was such a kind and caring person. We have such nice memories of the times he coached our girls

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**Marie & Richie Cairo** - February 02, 2015 at 10:48 PM

PB

“ Condolences for your loss. We have many good memories of John, especially in youth sports and service to Rockaway Township. Will miss his bright smile in township parades and other celebrations.

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**Patricia and Alan Bader** - February 02, 2015 at 08:01 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. DiMaria was the sweetest man and most wonderful softball coach. I have great memories of days at Peterson Field on the Phillies.

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**jessica bonis ciliento** - February 02, 2015 at 06:48 PM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jonathan always had a great time with your parents. You and your family are a wonderful legacy to his memory. We are sure he was proud of you all.  
Love and hugs,

*Jennifer and Hans*

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**Jennifer Mykytyn** - February 02, 2015 at 05:14 PM

LF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! We are so very sorry to hear of John's passing! A GREAT man..we have fond memories of his time in Rockaway Township!  
Sincerely~  
Larry & Linda Flanigan and family

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**Linda Flanigan** - February 02, 2015 at 04:50 PM

PS

Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

*Paul Speziale*

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**Paul Speziale** - February 03, 2015 at 08:35 AM

LS

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. He was a lovely man who I will always remember fondly.

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**Lisa salberg** - February 02, 2015 at 04:29 PM

LH

“ Mrs. D., Ryan, and Jessica - Thoughts and prayers are with all of you, your spouses and children. Mr. DiMaria was an incredible man. He would light up the room the second he walked in, always smiling and laughing. I have such great memories of him, I know how hard this is, just know thoughts and prayers are being sent your way! Hugs. Lori O.

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**Lori O'Connor Hutchison** - February 02, 2015 at 04:24 PM

JC

“ We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband Virginia. We send our love and deepest condolences to you and your family. John was a wonderful man and a respected pillar in our community. Please know we all feel the loss. Our thoughts love and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Jeannie and Paul

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**jean cosentino** - February 02, 2015 at 03:15 PM

LV

“ Im so sorry for ur loss  
I love you  
Love  
Lauren and Kevin



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**lauren vaccaro** - February 02, 2015 at 02:02 PM

LS

“ Over 25 years of so many wonderful memories with John. As my sons both said upon hearing the news "one of the greatest people ever". We love you John-you are forever in our hearts. -Lynn, Jerry, Chris, Mike and Julia Smith



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**Lynn Smith** - February 02, 2015 at 01:41 PM

RG

*"Problem child" that I was during our four years together at Lodi High (and had that been the case today, I would've been classified as "Special Ed" and been heavily medicated), John was one of my few people/peers who always treated me nicely. I will forever remember that he didn't have a mean, cruel, or snarky bone in your body. I will also remember him as someone who was-with all of his intelligence, likeability and popularity-just a "regular Guy"; and someone who had a great and positive influence on my life. Without hesitation, he'd go out of his way to talk to me, encourage me, and cheer me up whenever I needed it. I will never forget John for his wonderful gestures of kindness and compassion. Thank you John, and may you find eternal peace with our Lord.  
Ronnie Giles*

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**Ronnie Giles** - February 03, 2015 at 08:55 AM

LB

*Dear Ginny, Ryan, Jess and families:*

*My heartfelt sympathy to you all on the passing of John. He will be greatly missed.*

*I was fortunate to have known him since 1975 working with him & Rich Renna in the title industry. Although he became my boss in the past several years when I started to work at Suburban Title, I considered him more like a family member.*

*John was always ready to tell a joke or to try to make you laugh and I am sure he is still doing so in Heaven.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you for John will be greatly missed.*

*Love and God Bless,  
Lisa Barrale*

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**Lisa Barrale** - February 05, 2015 at 12:37 PM



*Jessica I'm very sorry for and your family loss. I'm praying for you all during this difficult time. With love Amber and Savion*

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**Amber McBride** - February 09, 2015 at 11:53 PM